

er, John S. Eldredge. There he was baptized when he was about eight years old. In March, 1861, when in his twentieth year, he went (in company with others) into the Weber river valley and located at a place since known as Eldredge's Spring, 1 1/4 mile south of Chalk creek. Alma was elected a delegate to the first convention held in the newly formed Summit county for the nomination of candidates for the ensuing August election, and this was his first experience in politics. In October, 1861, he went east to meet a company of emigrating Saints, of which his father was captain, and pilot them in over the new route down Chalk creek.



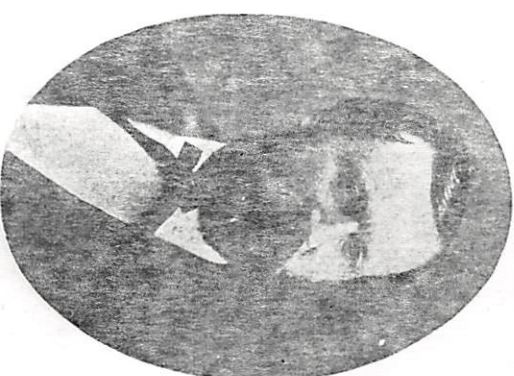
**ELDRIDGE, Alma**, counselor to Wm. W. Cluff (president of the Summit Stake of Zion) from 1877 to 1901. Is the son of Ira Eldredge and Nancy Back, and was born Oct. 13, 1841, in Warren township, Marion county, Indiana. The Book of Mormon name Alma, given him by his father, suggests that the family had already cast their lot with the Saints when the subject of this sketch was born. In 1845 Alma accompanied his father on a visit to Nauvoo, Ill., and the next year the family joined the Saints going into exile, arriving in Great Salt Lake valley in the fall of 1847. His father was a captain of fifty in crossing the plains, and he located his family five miles southeast of Salt Lake City, in 1849. In the spring of 1850, young Alma was sent to American Fork, Utah county, to live with his father's broth-

In November, 1861, he was ordained an Elder. He worked on his place on the Weber, keeping his own home until Jan. 24, 1863, when he married Miss Marinda M. Merrill, the daughter of Gilman and Rebecca Sevier Merrill. In 1863 he made a trip to the Missouri river as a teamster in Horton D. Haight's train, driving an ox team. After his return he labored in making improvements on his farm. At the election, Aug. 7, 1865, he was elected sheriff of Summit county. During the Indian hostilities in 1866, the presidency of the Church advised the people to move together on good locations for mutual protection. Alma Eldredge, complied with this counsel, took down his improvements on the Weber, and moved to the town of Coalville, the site of which he helped to survey and where

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